"mutually acceptable solutions", "through direct dialogue, that address the root causes of tension, including Kashmir". Government in its response has reiterted that there is no room for outside involvement of any nature whatsoever in this process.

Setting up of F.P.I. in North-East

3293. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Food Processing Industries set-up in the country during 8th Plan along with financial allocations, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up food processing and food preservation Plants in North-east, particularly in Assam during Ninth Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including financial allocation and progress made, so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Our Food Processing Industries exist in both in the organised and unorganised sectors, and information regarding the number of food processing industries set up in the country Statewise is not centrally maintained. However, from August, 1991 to March, 1998, 4375 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) involving an investment of Rs. 51,825 crores have been filed for settting up of food processing industries in the country. Of them 556 IEMs envisaging an investment of approximately Rs. 6876 crores have already been implemented. During the same period, 1071 proposals for Joint Venutre/Setting up of 100% Export Oriented Units etc. involving an investment of Rs. 18,649 crores, including foreign investment of Rs. 8756 crores, have been approved by the Government of India. Of these, 206 proposals envisaging an investment of Rs. 2010 crores have already been implemented.

According to the Annual survey of Industries 1994-95 published by the Central Statistical Organisation (Department of Staistics), there were 29407 factoreis in the various sectors of food processing in that year Statewise distribution of those factories is shown in Statement-I (*See* below).

Food Processing Industries specifically relating to Fruit & Vegetables Sector are required to take a licence from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Fruit Products Order (FPO) promulgated under the Essential Commodities Act. There are 4932 Fruit and Vegetable Processing Units which have been licensed under FPO upto January, 1998. Their Statewise details are given in Statement-II.

Under the plan Schemes of the Ministry, financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant is extended to Non-Government Organisations, Public Sector Undertakings, Private Sector Industries and Research Institutions for development of processed food sectors. These schemes are project-specific and not state-specific. The outlay for the plan Schemes of the Ministry during the 8th Plan was Rs. 217 crores.

(b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up and food processing units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes financial assistance is provided for promotion of food processing industries in the country including in the North-East. According to the Plan Schemes of the Ministry, difficult areas of the country have been defined & these include the North Eastern Region and these are eligible to get enhanced financial assistance.

(c) and (d) During 1997-98, financial assistance of Rs. 78.49 lakhs has been extended in respect of proposals received from the North-East under the Plan Schemes. In addition, working capital subsidy of Rs. 60 lakhs has been provided

to the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC).

Statement-I

State wise number of Food Processing Units in the Factory Sector as per Annual Survey of Industries (1994-95)

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Factories
1.	Andhra Pradesh.	10183
2.	Assam ..	734
3.	Bihar ..	433
4.	Goa ..	34
5.	Gujarat ..	1270
6.	Haryana ..	600
7.	Himachal Pradesh	46
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	69
9.	Karnataka ..	1221
10.	Kerala ..	1170
11.	Madhya Pradesh.	1302
12.	Maharashtra ..	2420
13.	Manipur ..	9
14.	Meghalaya ..	3
15.	Nagaland ..	5
16.	Orissa ..	425
17.	Punjab ..	1196
18.	Rajasthan ..	515
19.	Tamil Nadu ..	3792
20.	Tripura ..	22
21.	Uttar Pradesh ..	2652
22.	West Bengal ..	1089
23.	Chandigarh ..	1136
24.	Daman & Diu ..	5
25.	Delhi ..	125
26.	Pondicherry ..	42
27.	Others ..	9
TOTAL:	..	29407

Statement-II

State wise division of Fruit & Vegetable Units licensed under the Fruits Products Order 1955 on 1.1.1998

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Factories
1.	Andhra Pradesh.	300
2.	Assam ..	25
3.	Bihar ..	58
4.	Gujarat ..	260
5.	Haryana ..	151
6.	Himachal Pradesh	90
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	83
8.	Karnataka ..	253
9.	Kerala ..	387
10.	Madhya Pradesh.	104
11.	Maharashtra ..	934
12.	Meghalaya ..	14
13.	Manipur ..	9
14.	Nagaland ..	5
15.	Orissa ..	43
16.	Punjab ..	309
17.	Rajasthan ..	110
18.	Sikkim ..	3
19.	Tamil Nadu ..	452
20.	Tripura ..	4
21.	Uttar Pradesh ..	494
22.	West Bengal ..	298
23.	Andaman & Nicorbar	3
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
25.	Chandigarh ..	54
26.	Dadar & Nagar. Haveli	7
27.	Delhi ..	302
28.	Goa, Daman &. Diu	160
29.	Mizoram ..	3
30.	Pondicherry ..	14
TOTAL:		4932

पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना

3294. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योग लगाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने हेतु सरकार की नीति क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने हरियाणा के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों का पता लगाया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) आयकर अधिनियम की धारा 80-1क के अधीन औद्योगिक रूप से पिछड़े जिलों को वर्ग "क" तथा वर्ग "ख" के पिछड़े जिलों में वर्गीकृत करते हैं तथा ये इस धारा के तहत उपलब्ध द्वि-स्तरीय वित्तीय प्रोत्साहन हेतु दावा करने के पात्र होते हैं।